

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting – September 12, 2016

President Wesley Horton called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Attorney's Conference Room at the Supreme Court Building, Hartford, CT. Others present were: Jeff Babbin, Kathryn Bare, Kathy Calibey, Judge Cohn, Kit Collier, Greg D'Auria, Pat Fahey, Bill Fish, Paul Giguere, Dan Krisch, Molly LeVan, Matthew Necci, Don Rogers, Erick Sandler, Barbara Schellenberg, Jon Weiner, Jeff White, Mike Widener and Justice Zarella.

Atty. White presented a Treasurer's report dated September 9, 2016 (attached) Atty. D'Auria moved acceptance of the report, which Prof. Rogers second and the Treasurer's Report was approved. Atty. White also reported that the Society had closed its PayPal account.

Atty. Krisch reported for the Membership Committee (report attached) that renewals were lagging behind. He indicated he would discuss the status of renewals with President Horton once reminder notices had gone out.

Atty. LeVan moved acceptance of the minutes from last meeting, dated May 12, 2016 (attached). Atty. Calibey seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Atty. Fish and Mr. Giguere reported on the status of the Old State House, which as of June 30, 2016, had been closed. A meeting had been scheduled to consider next steps that would hopefully lead to its reopening. Prof. Rogers noted that in the meantime, some of the programs the Old State House usually runs were being held elsewhere. Additionally, Mr. Giguere reported that CT-N would resume broadcasting Connecticut Supreme Court arguments in September. President Horton encouraged Mr. Giguere to bring to the Board for consideration his suggestions that might enable the Society to support either the Old State House or the CT-N broadcasts.

President Horton and Prof Rogers also brought up the "History Day" event that the Old State House runs annually. A discussion ensued about the awards the Board had in recent years funded for History Day and Atty. D'Auria moved that the Board again fund two (2) awards totaling \$500 for the event to be held in April, 2017.

Judge Cohn reported that State Librarian Kendall Wiggin had provided a good deal of support at the Society's Annual Dinner recently with exhibits. A discussion followed about potential portrait restoration projects that had been suggested. The Board took no action on these projects but asked Judge Cohn to ask Mr. Wiggin to provide some greater detail to the Board about the historical value and significance of these portraits.

Atty. LeVan provided a report for the Programs Committee (attached). President Horton and others discussed the Programs Committee's fall program, planned for November 1, 2016, at the Hartford Club. At this event, Prof. Ilya Somin will give a talk based on his new book *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government Is Smarter*. A discussion followed about how best to publicize this and the other events the Society holds.

The chairs of the Programs Committee also discussed their incipient ideas for the annual meeting in Spring, 2017.

Atty. Schellenberg reported that the next issue of the Society's Journal would focus on the end of World War I (see report attached). The Editorial Board was also hoping to recruit someone to write a book review for that issue.

Mr. Widener reported on his efforts on behalf of the Archives Committee to collect and secure the Society's historical records. He will be contacting various Board members about this.

President Horton mentioned that Judge Blue had suggested that because 2018 would mark the 200th anniversary of Connecticut's 1818 Constitution, the Society ought to consider planning its programs to commemorate that anniversary.

President Horton also noted that Atty. Kimberly Knox would continue to run the Society's Law Day event next year, and that Atty. Krisch would be her Vice Chair.

Finally, President Horton also discussed that the Society's success in partnering with Travelers to put on this past Spring's annual meeting highlighted the opportunity the Board had to increase the Society's membership and support among corporate entities. President Horton suggested that this, along with the opportunity for the Society to increase the participation of the several law schools in the area, will be a subject he would like to discuss at future Board meetings.

President Horton announced that the next Board meeting would take place on December 19, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Attorney's Conference Room in the Supreme Court Building, Hartford.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
Financial Accounting
As of 09/07/16

OPENING BALANCE (as of 05/19/16):	\$ 73,991.63
REVENUE:	
Annual Meeting/Membership Dues - Deposit 06/07/2016	125.00
Annual Meeting Table/Membershp Dues - Deposit 07/26/2016	725.00
	<u>850.00</u>
EXPENSES:	
Flowers for Marilyn Hammond 5/20/16	63.82
Check order fee 6/2/16	27.00
The Hartford/2016-17 Commercial General Liability Coverage, 9/7/16	425.00
	<u>515.82</u>
OTHER:	
Transfer from closed PayPal Account (8/31/16)	87.22
	<u>87.22</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	<u>\$ 74,413.03</u>

Will Adams

From: Krisch, Daniel J. <Krisch@halloransage.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Wesley Horton
Subject: Supreme Court Historical Society Membership [IWOV-iManage.FID362112]

Wes:

As of 9/7/16, there are 225 members; 118 have paid/renewed, for a total of \$6,461.41. Only four new members have joined this year.

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“Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth.” – Oscar Wilde

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**CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2016

President Wesley Horton called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Hartford Club in Hartford, CT. Others present were: Kathy Calibey, Greg D'Auria, Chuck Howard, Bill Fish, Kathryn Bare, Erick Sandler, Judge Huddleston, Judge Farley, Barbara Schellenberg, Jon Weiner, Kit Collier, Mike Besso, Judge Cohn and Justice Zarella.

Atty. Howard moved the approval of the minutes of the Board's January 11, 2016 meeting (attached). Atty. Calibey seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Atty. Howard presented a Treasurer's report dated May 9, 2016 (attached). Atty. D'Auria moved acceptance of the report, which Judge Cohn seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Atty. Howard also presented a resolution (attached) to the Board that authorized Atty. Horton, Atty. White and Atty. Babbin to have signatory authority on the Society's accounts. The resolution also provided that Atty. Howard maintained signatory authority, along with authority to pay bills and invoices of the Society, until June 3, 2016. Atty. Calibey moved acceptance of the resolution, which Prof. Collier seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Judge Cohn reported for the Nominating Committee (which included Atty. Howard) that it was recommending for the Board's approval a slate that addressed the Board's need to fill expiring terms, fill vacancies of those who are leaving the Board and meet the expressed desire to expand the Board by appointing several new directors. In all there will be 19 directors, including 5 new Board members: Dan Krisch, William Fish, Erick Sandler, Kathryn Bare and Patrick Fahey. The report also made recommendations for the 5 Officer positions. (See attached report). Judge Cohn moved acceptance of the report, which Atty. Howard seconded, and the report and its recommendations were approved.

President Horton presented a resolution by which the Board would create ex-officio directorships, with each director holding office during the term of the position from which the ex-officio position derives, unless earlier terminated or eliminated by the Board with or without cause. (See attached) Specifically, the resolution creates ex-officio directorships for the Deans of UConn School of Law, Yale Law School, Quinnipiac University School of Law and Western New England University School of Law, as well as the Connecticut State Librarian, the Executive Director of CT-N (or a designee), the Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the CBA

(or a designee) and the President of ASCH (the Association for the Study of Connecticut History) (or a designee). Atty. Howard moved acceptance of the resolution. Prof. Collier seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted.

President Horton led a brief discussion about whether the Society might pursue projects suggested by the State Librarian, but further discussion was tabled until Mr. Horton could secure further information.

The Board then discussed Prof. Rogers' report in his role as liaison with other historical organizations. Prof. Rogers' report is attached.

Atty. Besso reported that the latest issue of the Society's Journal had just been published. This was Atty. Besso's last issue as Editor-In-Chief, as Atty. Schellenberg takes over that position. Atty. Schellenberg provided a brief written report (attached) to the Board on plans for the upcoming issue, which she comment upon to the Board.

A brief discussion followed regarding the membership report Atty. Krisch had provided (attached). President Horton indicated that after he talked to Atty. Krisch about this further, there would be some further discussion with the Board about efforts to boost active membership.

Atty. Calibey for the Programs Committee reported that based on RSVPs the program to follow the Board meeting would have very good attendance. The evening would be capped by a talk by Professor Sharon Ann Murphy entitled "How to Make a Dead Man: Murder, Suicide, and Insurance Fraud in Nineteenth-Century New England."

The Board also reviewed and discussed briefly a report prepared by Atty. Kimberly Knox (attached), which described the Law Day festivities held at the Connecticut Supreme Court this year on May 2, 2016. High School students made presentations to the Supreme Court justices assembled on the bench for the event and received certificates from Chief Justice Rogers. Then, after Attorney Jonathan Weiner provided a brief introduction of the case of *State v. Castelli*, Attorneys Brendon Levesque and Gregory D'Auria undertook to reenact the argument of that case before our Supreme Court in 1917. The Chief Justice, Justice Zarella and Justice Robinson participated in questioning the advocates, and Justices Robinson and Zarella reported the majority and dissenting opinions, respectively, from the 1917 case. This Law Day celebration marked the first year that the Society would collaborate with the Supreme Court in planning and presenting.

Mr. Horton announced that the next Board meeting would take place on September 12, 2016, in the Attorneys' Conference Room at the Supreme Court. Before adjourning to the Society's annual dinner, the Board warmly recognized the contributions of Atty. Howard, Judge Huddleston, Judge Farley and Attorney Besso to the Society's continued growth and success.

Upon a motion by Atty. Howard, seconded by Atty. D'Auria, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

TO: Wesley Horton
President, Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
FROM: Molly LeVan on behalf of the Program Committee
RE: Committee Report for September 2016
DATE: September 6, 2016

I submit the following report to the Board on behalf of Kathryn Calibey and Erick Sandler.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Hartford Club on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Sharon Ann Murphy, professor of history at Providence College, address the Society on the topic of "How to Make a Dead Man: Murder, Suicide, and Insurance Fraud in Nineteenth-Century New England." The Society was grateful for the support of The Travelers Companies. More than 100 persons were in attendance, including one of the winners of the Old State House high school essay contest, which the Society supports. Dean Fisher of the University of Connecticut School of Law attended, but neither the Quinnipiac nor Yale law school deans could attend.

The fall meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at the Hartford Club. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. The evening's speaker will be Ilya Somin, professor of law at George Mason University School of Law. He will speak about his book *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government is Smarter* at approximately 6:15 p.m. There is no charge to attend the fall meeting.

MSL/

cc: Kathryn Calibey
Erick Sandler

TO: Wes Horton

FR: Barbara Schellenberg

RE: SCHS Journal Report

DA: September 7, 2016

The Journal Board of Editors has decided that the theme for next year's Journal will be the WWI/post-war era. The following articles have been solicited and are in the works: 1) an article by Brendon Levesque focusing on the 1917 case, State of Connecticut v. Castelli, which was the subject of the mock argument at the CT Supreme Court on Law Day; 2) an article by Jeff White discussing the "Red Scare" period which followed WWI, with a focus on relevant CT Supreme Court cases; and 3) an article by Judge Henry Cohn on Governor Holcomb, including a summary of his judicial career, with an emphasis on the appeal of his cases to the CT Supreme Court. The Board of Editors is also contacting various sources to determine if a book review can be included in next year's Journal.